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August 15, 2012

Honorable Clay Jenkins Dallas County Judge 411 Elm Street, Suite 250 Dallas, Texas 75202

Dear Judge Jenkins,

Today the City of Prairie has declared a local state of disaster pursuant to §418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code. The City of Grand Prairie requests inclusion in the aerial spraying planned as early as Friday, August 17th and possible subsequent aerial spraying events in northern Grand Prairie. The City requests that consideration be given to the cases in Grand Prairie and the map be extended south to include the areas south of Interstate 30 and north of the Union Pacific Railroad that runs along Jefferson Street in both Dallas and Tarrant Counties in Grand Prairie.

To date, three of our nine human cases and 2 of our eight positive mosquito pools are north of Jefferson Street. By extending the current map, the aerial spraying will cover 50% of our current positive mosquito pools and 33% of our current human positives. Attached is a map depicting the area we are requesting be included.

Respectfully,

Charles England Mayor

Cc: Commissioner Lakey, M.D., Texas Department of State Health Services



Grand Prairie - Requested Aerial Spray Area

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DECLARATION OF DISASTER

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Prairie, on the 15th day of August, 2012, has suffered widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property or there is imminent threat of same resulting from the extreme outbreak of West Nile Virus, and

WHEREAS, over 180 human cases of West Nile Virus infection have been diagnosed within Dallas County, and

WHEREAS, the cases have predominantly occurred within the northern portion of the county, including the portion of Grand Prairie north of Interstate 30, and

WHEREAS, within Grand Prairie, there have been 9 reported human cases, including one fatality, and

WHEREAS, the Center for Disease Control officials and the state's Health Commissioner, Dr. David Lakey, are recommending that action be taken to initiate aerial spraying activities within the northern portion of the county to reduce the mosquito population which carries the disease, and

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Prairie does not possess adequate facilities to effectuate aerial spraying, and

WHEREAS, I, the Mayor of the City of Grand Prairie have determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to alleviate the suffering of people and to protect or rehabilitate property,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY MAYOR OF THE CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE:

- 1. That a local state of disaster is hereby declared for the City of Grand Prairie, Texas pursuant to §418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.
- 2. Pursuant to 418.018(b) of the Government Code, the state of disaster shall continue for a period of not more than seven days from the date of this declaration unless continued or renewed by the City Council for the City of Grand Prairie.
- 3. Pursuant to §418.018(c) of the Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the City Secretary.

- 4. Pursuant to §418.018(d) of the Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the City of Grand Prairie Emergency Management Plan.
- 5. That this proclamation shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

ORDERED THIS THE 15TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2012.

Mayor Charles V. England